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**REMARKS**

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated November 18, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 18, 2004. Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 8, 11-17, 19, and 21-24 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 8, 11-17, 19, 21 and 24 are rejected and Claims 22 and 23 are objected to and indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants cancel claims 1-3, 5, 7, 8, 11-17, 19, and 21-24 without prejudice and present new claims 25-75 for consideration by the Examiner. Independent claim 1 has been rewritten as new claim 25 and includes the subject matter of claim 22. Independent claim 1 has also been rewritten as new claim 33 and includes the subject matter of claim 23. Independent claim 14 has been rewritten as new claim 42 and includes the subject matter of claim 22. Independent claim 14 has also been rewritten as new claim 50 and includes the subject matter of claim 23. Independent claim 19 has been rewritten as new claim 59 and includes the subject matter of claim 22. Independent claim 19 has also been rewritten as new claim 67 and includes the subject matter of claim 23.

In the specification, the Abstract has been revised per the Examiner's instructions.

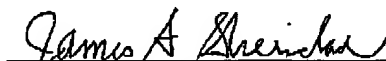
Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 8, 11-17, 19, 21 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Kuromiya, et al*, U.S. Patent No. 5,585,989 and Gauss Electrophysics GB 1 214 340. Applicants have rewritten independent claims 1, 14, and 19 to include the subject matter of claims 22 and 23, as indicated as allowable by the Examiner, in independent claims 25, 42, and 59, and claims 33, 50, and 67, respectively. Applicants believe new claims 25-75 are in condition for allowance.

The secondary references made of record are noted. However, it is believed that the secondary references are no more pertinent to the Applicant's disclosure than the primary references cited in the Office Action. Therefore, Applicant believes that a detailed discussion of the secondary references is not necessary for a full and complete response to this Office Action.

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In conclusion, the references cited by the Examiner, alone or in combination, do not teach, show, or suggest the invention as claimed. Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

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